

### REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated April 21, 2005 in which the Examiner objected to the drawings, abstract, title, disclosure and claims, rejected claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C §102(b) and objected to claims 2-4 and 6 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowance if rewritten in independent form.

Attached to this Amendment are replacement sheets for Figures 3-5. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner approves the correction and withdraws the objection to the drawings.

As indicated above, the abstract has been amended to correct minor informalities and to reduce its length. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner approves the correction and withdraws the objection to the abstract.

As indicated above, a new title has been provided. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner approves the new title.

As indicated above, minor informalities in the specification have been corrected. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraws the objection to the disclosure.

As indicated above, the claims have been amended in order to correct idiomatic and minor errors. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner approved the correction and withdraws the objection to the claims.

As indicated above, objected to claim 2 has been incorporated into claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraws the rejection to claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and withdraws the objection to claims 3-4 and 6 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

The prior art of record, which is not relied upon, is acknowledged. The references taken singularly or in combination do not anticipate or make obvious the claimed invention.

Thus it now appears that the application is in condition for reconsideration and allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date are respectfully requested.

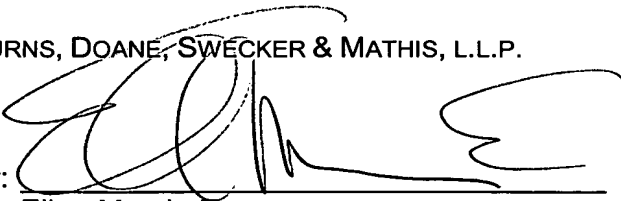
If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact, by telephone, the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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